



Community Bus Suggestion

Most community buses are run wholly by volunteers (with minimal support from the local parish council, if any). This list is a small selection of services available locally, to some further afield

<https://disleyparishcouncil.org.uk/community-bus/>

<http://www.ravensheadcommunitytransport.org/>

<https://www.hartleywintney-pc.gov.uk/hw-community/community-bus/>

<https://normandyparishcouncil.gov.uk/about-normandy/community-bus/>

<https://www.easthorsley.info/news/horsley-community-bus>

<https://buckleburycommunit.wixsite.com/buckleburybus>

http://www.billingshurst.gov.uk/Community_Transport_22681.aspx

<https://www.westsussexminibus.org.uk/>

<https://livewellservices.cheshireeast.gov.uk/Services/5476>

Attached below is a link to an exceptionally useful report which, whilst historic, highlights some of the many aspects of running a bus service which may have been overlooked, i.e. start-up costs (including vehicle modifications), driver training (and not all driving licences include the minibuss category, which would attract an additional charge for training and examination), bus operating permit requirements, additional keys, insurance for vehicles and multiple drivers, signage to vehicles, identity cards and corporate clothing, fuel, vehicle breakdowns/repairs, timetable printing and distribution, DBS checks for all volunteer drivers, issues with breakdowns, etc.:

<https://www.uppinghamtowncouncil.gov.uk/uploads/item-14---hopper-report-week-20-ending-26216.pdf>

This report offers some background on NALC opinions regarding councils operating bus services (which is why they are operated by volunteer organisations):

<https://www.uppinghamtowncouncil.gov.uk/uploads/2016-09-07-item-11-uppingham-hopper-bus.pdf>

Based on this information, it is highly unlikely that a vehicle could be sourced through the Crown Commercial Scheme (which was used to source the Worplesdon Parish Council works van at a beneficial rate).

Uppingham First (the drivers of the service referenced above) also provide their own reports on the service: <https://www.uppinghamtowncouncil.gov.uk/uploads/item-14-uppingham-hopper-report-to-utc-august-2016.pdf>.

Consideration also needs to be given to where vehicle/s are parked overnight/when not in use.

Total Transport was a government initiative (which operated in two intakes) which was responsible for a large number of community associations successfully bidding for minibuses. There is no current initiative either running or forecast to run.

<https://www.southglos.gov.uk/documents/Total-Transport-feasibility-report.pdf>